

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1996 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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CURRENT SITUATION: Initial attack activity decreased significantly. Good progress was reported on several large fires. A second battalion was requested from the Military yesterday. The 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, CA will begin training today. They will be mobilized to the Tower fire, Umatilla NF Saturday. The 1st battalion, Task Force Vanguard, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division will be reassigned from the Park Meadows fire to the Summit fire, Umatilla NF Saturday. Resource mobilization through NICC remained steady.

Northwest Large Fires:

An Area Command Team (Edrington) is committed to the Umatilla National Forest.

SUMMIT, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. Fire activity yesterday included moderate spotting. A burnout was successful. Some resources were rotated out at the end of their 21 day commitment. Homes in the vicinity of Galena, Susanville, Austin Junction, and bull trout habitat continue to be threatened.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. Drier weather yesterday caused more active fire behavior, including torching and uphill runs. Limited burnouts were accomplished to secure indirect line. The spot fire south of the John Day River is being suppressed by personnel from the Bull Complex. This spot fire is a concern due to the large amount of red slash surrounding it. The southwest flank is also a source of concern due to adjacent private property. Other concerns are salmon streams, historic structures, timber resources, Forest developments, an electronic site, Lehman Hot Springs Resort and the community of Dale, OR.

TIMBERLINE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. The fire is located 8 miles east of Omak, WA. The TIMBERLINE and the WANNACUT fires make up this complex. The firelines held yesterday despite higher temperatures and lower humidities. There is concern for unburned islands of flashy fuels which pose a threat of spotting if winds increase.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. This incident is being managed under a Unified Command with the Douglas Forest Protective Association. Some upslope runs with minor torching occurred and fire continued to back down slopes, especially in jackstrawed blowdown timber. Some burnouts were started on the northwest and southeast flanks of the fire. Current threats are to homes, private property, utility and power lines, and sensitive resource areas.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team

(Gardner) is assigned. Another Type II Incident Management Team (Johnson) will take over management of the Complex today. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. A new fire in the Complex was initial attacked with a Type I helicopter yesterday. Progress continued on other fires in the Complex. Demobilization of some resources began yesterday. BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The BULL, ROCKY, and #104 fires comprise this complex. A strong inversion and light winds yesterday aided firefighters. Crews made progress on burnout operations on the southern portion of the fireline. Bull Complex suppression forces are still assisting the Tower fire with a 400 acre spot fire.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of the MOOLACK and CHARLETON fires. North and northwest flanks of the Moolack fire were burned out yesterday. Fireline blasting is planned for today. On the Charleton, winds pushed the eastern control line and caused some spotting outside the fire line. Reinforcement of the east and southeast lines continued.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Macdonald) is assigned. The complex includes the SALT CREEK, DAM, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. Firefighters were able to use direct attack tactics on the east flank of the Sheep Fire, adjacent to the Snake River. Threats remain to big game winter range, historical structures, and electronic sites.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Weltch) is assigned. The complex includes the BLACK GORGE, WARRIOR and BEAR BONES fires. Fire behavior on fires in the complex yesterday was extreme. On the Warrior fire, indirect line was completed and a burnout was accomplished.

WILDCAT COMPLEX, Malheur NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bullis) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. It is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. The complex includes the WILDCAT, CANYON CREEK and GRAHAM fires. Despite dryer and warmer conditions, firefighters were able to keep fires within firelines. Mop-up is nearly complete on the incident.

Five fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 147,935 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
SUMMIT	UMF	OR	41,870	0	UNK	0	0	0	5	0	NR	NR
TOWER	UMF	OR	44,860	45	9/9	941	30	29	6	8	2.1M	9.9M
TIMBERLINE CX	COA	WA	15,000	90	8/31	892	26	60	4	0	NR	2.1M
SPRING	UPF	OR	10,000	20	UNK	1,170	30	20	11	0	NR	5.7M
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,399	90	9/2	1,570	45	50	5	0	NR	11.1M
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	6,673	60	9/1	1,088	36	13	4	0	NR	8.5M
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	11,475	45	9/5	792	25	12	3	0	5.4M	1.7M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	68,725	75	8/31	454	10	3	9	0	NR	5.7M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	1,032	85	UNK	790	23	29	4	0	1.5M	1.9M
PARK MEADOWS	DEF	OR	700	100	----	1,003	33	2	4	0	13K	1.5M
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	11,007	90	8/31	864	28	18	9	0	932K	8.7M
REAL MCCOY	BUD	OR	350	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

|ELBOW BASIN | OKF|WA| 3,000| 0| NR| 7| 0| 0| 0| 0| NR| 223K|

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

EIGHTH STREET, Boise District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. The fire is burning northeast of Boise, ID. Fire intensity increased yesterday, but no loss of line or new acres burned. Heavy duff in the timber area and numerous spots are slowing containment. At present, no structures are in immediate danger. FALL GOOSE COMPLEX. Payette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. The fire is located 5-10 miles north, northeast and northwest of McCall, ID. The complex is comprised of the FALL CREEK, GOOSE LAKE, HARTLEY, BRUNDAGE RESERVOIR, FROG, CORRAL LAKE, HARTLEY KNOB and numerous spot fires. Significant progress was made on line construction. Heavy downfall and numerous spot fires continue to pose control problems.

COX'S WELL, Idaho Falls District, BLM. This fire is located 44 miles northwest of Pocatello, ID, and is 3-4 miles south of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. A BLM Lookout, high voltage powerlines and a national historic landmark are currently threatened. Suppression forces are using existing roads and indirect attack. Shifting winds and high fuel loading are causing control problems.

MORMON TRAIL, Utah State. This fire is located 15 miles east of Salt Lake City, UT. Heavy recreation use is expected in the fire area due the holiday weekend. The fire is 500 feet from cabins and is also threatening subdivisions (2 to 5 miles away). A girl scout camp has been evacuated, and the fire is burning over the historic Morman Trail. Roads in the area have been closed, and State Road 65 may also be closed. High winds, extremely dry fuels and low humidities are hampering control efforts.

ELBA, Sawtooth NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. The fire is located 20 miles southwest of Burley, ID. The situation is improving with moderate weather and additional resources. If firelines withstand the predicted winds today, containment objectives can be met. Good progress was made on line construction and burnout of islands. A ski area, USFS recreation site and 10 summer homes remain threatened.

BRIDGE, Salmon-Challis NF. This fire is burning actively in heavy timber 29 miles from Challis, ID. The fire is threatening a ranch (1 1/2 miles away), which has been evacuated.

Three fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 5,512 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
EIGHTH STREET	BOD	ID	14,037	70	9/01	631	17	34	5	1	NR	1M
FALL GOOSE CPX	PAF	ID	310	60	9/02	174	6	6	4	0	NR	325K
COX'S WELL	IFD	ID	80,000	20	UNK	83	1	16	1	0	NR	NR
MORMON TRAIL	UTS	UT	1,000	30	8/31	153	5	13	1	0	NR	48K
ELBA	STF	ID	10,890	40	9/01	232	7	10	1	0	135K	900K
BRIDGE	SCF	ID	100	0	9/06	29	1	1	0	0	NR	7K
SWEET	BOD	ID	507	100	----	10	0	2	0	0	88K	50K
WHEAT GRASS	SLD	UT	540	100	----	44	0	5	0	0	NR	16K
SOLDIER CAP	BOD	ID	1,000	100	----	15	0	1	0	0	NR	NR

MAYBE	IFD	ID	3,320	100	----	13	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
PATTERSON	SID	ID	100	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
IRON BOG	SCF	ID	325	100	----	80	3	2	3	0	0	162K

Southern California Large Fires:

MARPLE, Los Angeles County, California State. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is located near Lake Castatic. Burnout operations are in progress and crews continue to make progress toward containment objectives. Extreme temperatures and low humidities have made suppression actions difficult. A threat to structures remains at Paradise Ranch. ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) and Type II Incident Management Team (Byrd) are assigned. An inversion layer over the fire restricted fire intensity and air support. Direct attack in the Frog Creek area is progressing slowly due to the lack of air support. Firing around Hetch Hetchy is complete and the threat to structures has diminished.

DOUBLE, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is burning in the Homeland area of Riverside County. Six outbuildings were lost and numerous residences have been evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
MARPLE	LAC	CA	21,302	20	UNK	2,187	61	171	7	0	NR	NR	
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	46,200	75	8/31	2,035	66	47	15	1	34M	17M	
DOUBLE	RRU	CA	600	70	8/30	304	6	42	4	6	NR	NR	

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

OREGON, Elko District, BLM. The fire is burning 4 miles from the town of Midas, NV. The fire made significant runs up the mountains to the south and southwest. Strong winds and extreme fire behavior, including fire whirls was experienced. A strike team of engines and dozers are in place to protect the town of Midas. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, livestock and the town of Midas remain threatened.

QUINN/ODELL, Winnemucca District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shive) is being reassigned to this fire and the Kings River Complex. The fire is located east of McDermitt, NV and poses a threat to residences on the Ft. McDermitt reservation. Several areas of the fire were active yesterday, increasing the fire by 10,000 acres. Lahontan Cutthroat trout habitat remains threatened.

UPPER HUMBOLDT COMPLEX, Battle Mountain District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. The complex consists of the SLAVEN 2 fire and three Winnemucca District fires, GETCHELL, NORTH CHIMNEY and DUTCH FLAT. Crews made good progress in containing the Slaven 2 fire. Airtanker support helped minimize fire growth on the other fires, although stronger winds from a frontal passage kept the fires active. Three mines, three ranches, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout habitat, wildhorse habitat and a Wilderness Study Area are the current threats.

BOB'S FLAT, Northern Nevada State. Good progress was reported on the fire yesterday. Lines have been completed, with burnout operations being

conducted throughout the night. Structural threats have subsided; the current threat is to mule deer winter range.

KING'S RIVER COMPLEX, Winnemucca District, BLM. The fire is burning near the Nevada/Oregon border. Airtanker and helicopter support helped crews hold the line and catch a 50 acre slopover. Light winds allowed firefighters to make good progress. The current threat is to a watershed. Shive's Type II Incident Management Team will assume suppression responsibility of this complex and the Quinn/Odell fire.

DEER CREEK, Humboldt NF. Steep, rocky terrain in elevations of 5,800 to 7,200 feet is making access very difficult. A new 50 acre fire burned into this fire yesterday. Wildlife habitat remains threatened. RUBY COMPLEX, Humboldt NF. The complex consists of the SMILEY and ROAD CANYON fires. The Smiley fire continued to be active on the east side, burning uphill. The fire has been turned over to local management.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
OREGON	EKD	NV	15,000	5	9/01	75	1	12	1	0	NR	NR
QUINN/ODELL	WID	NV	12,000	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
UPPER HUMBOLDT	BMD	NV	95,640	80	8/30	190	5	11	2	0	NR	219K
BOB'S FLAT	DFN	NV	26,000	80	8/30	64	0	13	1	0	NR	NR
KING'S RIVER CX	WID	NV	8,050	80	8/31	105	3	9	1	0	NR	NR
DEER CREEK	HUF	NV	550	65	9/01	75	3	0	1	0	NR	NR
RUBY COMPLEX	HUF	NV	5,336	80	UNK	208	8	2	2	0	NR	300K
PETAN	EKD	NV	17,480	100	----	80	3	11	0	0	NR	NR
WINNEMUCCA CPX	WID	NV	57,680	100	----	209	3	21	0	0	NR	113K
BUCKHORN 2	EKD	NV	2,400	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
UPPER BOULDER	DFN	NV	6,500	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
COYOTE	WID	NV	2,000	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

AMBROSE COMPLEX, Modoc NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Giachino) is assigned. The complex of fires are located 40 miles northwest of Alturas, CA. The complex consists of the TIMBER/RANCH, LAKE, LONG/DAMONS, MOWITZ and YOUNG fires. The Ranch and Lake fires have been lined. The Mowitz fire was still active in some areas but the Long/Damon continues to be the most active. Airtankers worked the south flank of the Long fire trying to contain a large spotfire. Threats continue to powerlines, gas pipelines, cultural resources and high value private and federal timber.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
AMBROSE CPX	MDF	CA	20,412	78	9/03	1,889	64	64	6	0	4M	1.8M

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

BATES CREEK, Worland District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The fire is located 25 miles south of Tensleep, WY. Interior islands continued to burn. Threats continue to ranch structures, livestock and elk winter range.

NORTH BROKENBACK, Worland District, BLM and Wyoming State. The fire is

burning in grass, juniper and Ponderosa Pine 9 miles north of Tensleep, WY. The fire involves Wyoming Game and Fish habitat area, state, private and BLM lands. Light showers were received on parts of the fire yesterday.

STOCKWELL, Big Horn NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is burning in heavy fuels 10 miles west of Saddlestring, WY. The incident area received about 1/2 inch of rain yesterday.

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				CTN	CTN					LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
BATES CREEK	WOD	WY	45,000	95	8/30	97	0	17	1	0	NR	NR
N BROKENBACK	WOD	WY	4,630	90	8/30	213	6	13	1	0	NR	NR
STOCKWELL	BHF	WY	1,000	40	UNK	269	6	2	2	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

HAY COULEE, Lewistown District, BLM. This fire is located northeast of Lewistown, MT. It is burning in pasture and scattered timber. Winds are hampering suppression efforts.

SUNDAY POET, Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Specht) is assigned. This fire is located 39 miles southeast of Grangeville, ID. As the weather dried out yesterday, spot fires outside the main perimeter were detected. Good progress was made on line construction and mop-up. Concerns include snags, difficult access, and rough terrain.

SWET/WARRIOR, Bitterroot NF & Nez Perce NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. Fire activity decreased due to showers received on the fire. The Gattin Ranch and the McGruder Work Center structure protection plans have been implemented even though there is no immediate threat.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN					LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
HAY COULEE	LED	MT	350	0	UNK	48	2	3	0	0	NR	7K
SUNDAY POET	NPF	ID	200	85	8/31	275	8	0	2	0	NR	450K
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	38,080	0	9/15	78	2	4	3	1	NR	598K
TELEPHONE BUTTE	SWS	MT	140	100	----	206	5	2	2	0	NR	480K

Southwest Large Fires:

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 870 acres.

Alaska Large Fires:

Twelve fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 345,013 acres.

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED FOR INCREASING \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* WINDS COMBINED WITH LOW HUMIDITIES IN EASTERN WASHINGTON, \*\*\*

\*\*\* SOUTHERN OREGON AND CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IDAHO THROUGH TONIGHT \*\*\*

High pressure aloft over the Western U.S. will break down as a Gulf of Alaska disturbance moves into the Pacific Northwest. This disturbance will push a cold dry front towards the Northern Rockies with windy conditions developing from the east slopes of the Cascades eastward. Light showers are possible along the Northwest Pacific coast. Thundershowers are likely for eastern Wyoming southward through the southern Rockies. The remainder of the West will be mostly sunny. Warm and dry conditions will cover the Great Basin, California and Arizona. High temperatures will range from the 70's and 80's in the northern Rocky Mountains and from the 90's to near 105 in the lower valleys of the southwest. Fire activity is expected to increase as the upcoming holiday weekend approaches.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST		1			3	7	11
CA-NORTH					10	1	11
CA-SOUTH				1	24	1	26
NORTHERN	10	4			9	46	69
GB-EAST		6			1	35	42
GB-WEST		2			1	0	3
SOUTHWEST						6	6
ROCKY MTN		3		1	2	2	8
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	10	16	0	2	50	98	176

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST		12,500				1,940	14,441
CA-NORTH						912	915
CA-SOUTH				1,000		5,302	6,336
NORTHERN	37	380				73	492
GB-EAST		39,598			1,241	283	41,122
GB-WEST		115				10,250	10,365
SOUTHWEST						10	10
ROCKY MTN		104,053		6	0	554	104,613
EASTERN							0
SOUTHERN							0
USA	37	156,646	0	1,006	1,281	19,324	178,294

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources



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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	16	1,184	18,004
YUKON TERRITORY			144	93,351
ALBERTA	3	1	330	1,973
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			349	343,889
SASKATCHEWAN	4	2	397	12,886
MANITOBA	1		391	90,212
ONTARIO	10		1,136	454,622
QUEBEC	4	1,714	1,117	630,475
NEWFOUNDLAND	1		131	27,544
NEW BRUNSWICK			305	1,763
NOVA SCOTIA			249	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	1	40	71	16,409
TOTALS	30	1773	5,827	1,691,953

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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